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Via ECFS Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

## Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1

Dear FCC,

I am opposed to any effort to restrict or eliminate the ability of competitive phone and internet providers to pay for and use communication lines. As a small business owner I realize how stupid it would be to expect each company to install duplicative infrastructure or to give monopoly access to a single company. I previously used AT&T and was very pleased when I found a small competitor who provided far superior support services, higher reliability and lower prices. Competition has been critical. Otherwise we will be back to the days parodied by Lily Tomlin: "We're the phone company, we don't have to care."

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